

To Chairman Genachowski and whomever this may concern at the FCC,

I hope your still reviewing public comments on Net Neutrality since the April 26th deadline because I submitted a few since then already and am doing one more today. It has come to my attention Microsoft or Micro\$oft the greedy software monopolist that tried to lock down the Web during the 1990s by bundling Internet Explorer with its Windows operating system, coding Windows to not work properly with alternative browsers like Netscape has for some time been supporting Net Neutrality but has now filed in opposition to it with your agency a comment supporting Net Neutrality requirements for ISPs but does not want those rules to extend to it. Microsoft tried every under-handed, anti competitive, anti consumer illegal and immoral business decision they had to anti competitively and unfairly crush Netscape. As part of their deal to help save then Apple Computer Inc.,s business back in 1997 when Steve Jobs had just returned to the company Micro\$oft had also made a Mac version of its IE browser and pressured Apple to bundle Mac IE with the Mac OS. Microsoft's biggest fear of Netscape was it was a cross platform browser and developers would start writing more programs for the browser and not the Windows operating system. To crush Netscape Microsoft gave IE away with Windows and got Apple to bundle Mac IE with the Mac OS to kill off the cross platform interoperability threat of Netscape.

Micro\$oft won the 1990s browser war and stopped innovating IE -- there was not much difference between IE 5 and IE 6. They did start making the MSN browsing software during this time though which was getting more innovation. When the second browser war emerged though in which Microsoft now faces threats from more browser developers Microsoft was forced to start innovating again and made IE 7. However, IE has typically been an insecure and unstable browser.

Micro\$oft is a hypocrite company and an abusive monopolist. During the 1990s Microsoft did every dirty, rotten thing it could do to control the Internet. The Clinton Gore FCC would not allow them to control the Internet though anymore than they would allow the broadband ISP market to become the duopoly it is today. During the 1990s broadband was more tightly regulated and the regulations benefited users. We had more competition in the high speed Internet access market and at the time George W. Bush entered office and launched his deregulatory agenda the U.S. was ranked 4th in the world in terms of broadband Internet penetration. Thanks to his policies we've slipped since then to 17th as of 2007 and now may be even at 21st or 22nd place. We need more competitive and affordable choices for broadband. We need to re-regulate broadband ensure Net Neutrality applies also in the wireless sector to the phone carriers offering mobile Internet access on cellular phones so all users have the same freedoms of nondiscrimination without corporate gatekeepers. I've also said I support Net Neutrality for Apple's App Store that they should not be able to pick and choose what mobile applications work on the iPhone, iPod Touch or Pad as long as they are safe and legal any and all apps that meet such criteria should be allowed on the App Store or at the very least Apple has to allow competition from other digital application storefronts for iPhone/iPod Touch and now iPad

users to get apps from without having to hack their devices to run unauthorized apps from unauthorized app stores like Cydia. We should have more legitimate choices of app stores and apps.

Net Neutrality should not have exemptions for Apple, Microsoft, Google, Yahoo or any company. All should be required to comply with it as should the ISPs. We need the FCC to reclassify broadband under Title II of the 1996 Telecommunications Act as a telecommunications service to ensure your agency has the statutory legal authority to protect Internet users and the Open Internet as well as the authority to implement The National Broadband Plan. We also need you to act on such authority and do these things. We need the Open Internet preserved and to expand access to high speed Internet services to more Americans at the same time. Expand deployment and adoption by encouraging more competitive, affordable services.

When the Bush FCC penalized Comcast for violating Net Neutrality by blocking Bit Torrent (in 2007-2008) they used no statutory legal authority to do so but resorted to doing so because it was in FCC policy to protect Net Neutrality. Had they not reclassified broadband between 2002-2005 a lightly regulated information service the problems the FCC faces today might not be occurring (or might not have occurred).

Here's the text of the article about Micro\$oft. Do not buy their propaganda or that of ISPs like Comcast saying Net Neutrality is a solution in search of a problem. Listen to the comments of actual users and the group Free Press.Net and craft strong Net Neutrality rules and enforce these regulations as needed to protect the Open Internet.

<http://www.theinquirer.net/inquirer/news/1603760/microsoft-backs-net-neutrality>
Microsoft backs down on net neutrality

Wants to have its cake and eat it too

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SOFTWARE MONOPOLIST Microsoft seems to be backing away from its long running support for network neutrality.

Speaking to an FCC hearing on the issue, the software giant admitted it has a vested interest in ensuring that its numerous web applications and services are delivered to consumers without interference from an ISP.

However it warned against "the adoption of unnecessary or insufficiently tailored regulations, such as a prohibition on all types of discrimination."

In short we want net neutrality but we don't want any laws that will stuff us up.

The filing said, "Although the actions the Commission takes, or fails to take, in this proceeding will have far reaching consequences for the open Internet, the record reveals often sharp disagreement

regarding the need for, and appropriate nature of, regulation as a means to preserve the open Internet."

It said that the National Broadband Plan recently reaffirmed the idea that broadband is a powerful engine for innovation and investment in America because the Internet is an open platform, where anyone can communicate and do business with anyone else on a level playing field.

It continued, "At the same time, the adoption of unnecessary or insufficiently tailored regulations, such as a prohibition on all types of discrimination, could have the unintended consequence of limiting innovation and investment going forward."

The Vole suggested that the commission should enshrine its current broadband policy statement, which stipulates that consumers should be allowed to access lawful content and applications on the Internet. It also endorsed the FCC's proposal to add an additional principle obligating ISPs to make disclosures about how they manage traffic on their networks.

However Microsoft also said that FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski's call for an explicit non-discrimination requirement, which calls for ISPs to face regulations that would preclude them from novel methods of network management or striking side deals guaranteeing speedy delivery of certain content or applications, was not the way forward.